

AVIC NO. DATE ✓ INFO 4 May 50
AF NO. LOCATION Birmingham, Ala.
AFM NO. SOURCE Civilians (Newspaper Article)
DATE OF INFO DATE IN TO AVIC
CITY OF INFO COLOR White to blueish white
TYPE Bullet AVID P
TIME AVID R
DURATION LENGTH OF TIME 15 minutes
NO. OF C. 1 TYPE OF CR. F. Ground
TYPE OF CR. F. DIRECTION Revolving-Stationary then
Rose vertically

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What Might Be Flying Disc Seen Here By 7 Persons

Tail Was 'Long Fiery Streak'

Birmingham had a ghostly visitor in the sky last night.

At least seven persons saw it. And two were able to give a lengthy description.

"We won't say it was a flying saucer," two Birmingham businessmen declared today. "Because we've never seen a flying saucer. But it certainly was something we've never seen before."

D. L. Reid, a former newspaperman on the staff of The Montreal Star and now president of the Southern Discount Corp., 5113 Farrell-av, said today he and his family were returning from a theater last night when they were attracted "by a bright light in the sky."

Mr. Reid said he and his family—and other persons in the neighborhood saw a glowing object in the sky.

"It was the most amazing thing I've ever seen," Reid said today. "It appeared to be stationary for about 15 minutes. For the first minute and one-half, it was a very luminous white. Then it gradually turned to a bluish-white."

Object Revolves

Reid said that at first the ghostly visitor appeared to be "elliptical."

He said the object appeared to be revolving and that the longer he looked at it, the more it assumed a "bullet-shape."

"It had a long fiery tail," he said. "It appeared to grow real bright, then dim again—almost as if it were taking flash pictures, according to Reid.

"Suddenly at the end of about 15 minutes, the object turned vertically and disappeared straight up. I'm convinced that it was operating under its own power and that it was able to make very sharp turns."

"I've seen almost everything while working as a newspaperman and I'm not easily fooled. I know it wasn't a searchlight. There wasn't a cloud in the sky."

Another Sees It

And backing up Reid was Charles Bellsnyder, who lives with Reid at 822 30th-st, s, where they observed the "spaceship."

Bellsnyder, who served in the Navy during the war, said, "I know it definitely wasn't a searchlight. I saw too many of those while I was in the Navy."

Mr. Bellsnyder described the "saucer" in the beginning as appearing 10 to 12 inches across "from where we were." Then, he said, a tail grew from the object until it appeared to be about 150 feet long.

"The tail was a long fiery streak," he said. "It appeared to get brighter and dimmer as we watched. Finally, after a few minutes, it turned, went up vertically and faded out."

"I don't know whether it was a flying saucer or not. I've never seen a flying saucer. But I certainly never saw anything like it before."

Bellsnyder said he has lived in Birmingham all his life.

"I'm used to furnace reflections," he said. "It wasn't that."

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SOUNDS LIKE REFLECTION OF
SOMEONE ASKING SOMETHING